



# Minnesota Forest Resources Council

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Agricultural Woodlot Owners  
Commercial Logging Contractors  
Conservation Organizations  
County Land Commissioners  
Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Organizations  
Forest Products Industry  
Game Species Management  
Higher Education  
Indian Affairs Council  
Labor Organizations  
Nonindustrial Forest Landowners  
Resort and Tourism Industry  
USDA – Forest Service

**DATE:** March 6, 2014

**TO:** MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**FROM:** DAVE ZUMETA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE:** PREPARATION FOR March 19, 2014 MFRC MEETING

In preparation for the March 19, 2014 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **in bold**):

1. This cover memo
2. January 22, 2014 MFRC draft meeting minutes
3. March 19, 2014 MFRC draft meeting agenda
4. Proposed resolution: approval of ad hoc committee recommendations on guideline implementation goals
5. Final report to the MFRC on ad hoc committee recommendations on Guideline implementation goals (background for item 4)
6. MFRC committee reports

## Meeting Logistics

The MFRC will meet on March 20, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 2 at the MN Department of Transportation Training and Conference Center in Arden Hills (1900 West County Road I). Directions to the meeting are provided below.

From I-35W, exit onto County Road I (exit number 29), going east. Drive ¼ mile, passing over Rice Creek, and turn right into the Training and Conference Center parking lot. This is a two-building complex, but there is one main sidewalk leading to the major entry. Parking is free.

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## Meeting Agenda

**Committee of the Whole: Recommendations in the final report from the ad hoc committee on site-level forest management implementation goals.** Bob Stine will provide background and then introduce Rob Slesak, who will summarize the ad hoc committee's work to carry out the Chair's charge to the committee. A resolution to support implementation of recommendations in the committee's final report will be presented and discussed.

**Status of DNR and MFRC 2014 legislative initiatives, including potential revisions to the Minnesota Sustainable Forest Resources Act (MSFRA) and the Sustainable Forest Incentives Act (SFIA)** – Forrest Boe will summarize DNR legislative initiatives of interest to MFRC members, and Dave Zumeta will summarize MFRC legislative initiatives.

**Northeast Landscape Plan revision process and timeline.** Shaun Hamilton will introduce Lindberg Ekola, who will summarize the Northeast Landscape Plan revision process and timeline. Approval of the revised Northeast Plan is a likely action item for the May 28 MFRC meeting.

**Vision for the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences.** Bob Stine will introduce Brian Buhr, Interim Dean and Director, CFANS, University of Minnesota. Dr. Buhr will present his vision for CFANS, including his perspective on the recent decision by the Provost to not pursue a merger of CFANS and the College of Biological Sciences.

**Value added opportunities for Minnesota's primary forest products industry.** Bob Stine will introduce Dick Hemmingsen, Senior Fellow, Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, University of Minnesota. Dick will provide an overview of work he is doing to promote value added opportunities for the state's forest products industry.

**Possible regulatory actions for Mountain Pine Beetle, and update on proposed Gypsy Moth quarantine.** Bob Stine will introduce Geir Friisoe from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, who will provide background and then introduce Mark Abrahamson and Lucy Hunt of his staff. Mark and Lucy will describe potential regulatory actions to address the potential introduction of Mountain Pine Beetle to Minnesota as well as the proposed Gypsy Moth quarantine in Cook and St. Louis Counties.

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\*denotes action item